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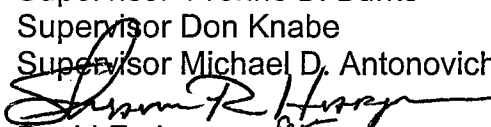
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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

SB 726 (Alquist), as amended June 28, 2007, would retroactively enhance the presumption that the acquisition of a blood borne infectious disease acquired during the period of employment as a safety officer was job related. Existing law provides that an injury to an employee in the course of employment is generally compensable through the workers' compensation system and, in the case of certain firefighting and law enforcement personnel, that a blood borne infectious disease developed or manifested during the period of employment that develops or manifests itself while the member is in the service of the governmental entity establishes a disputable presumption. The presumption is extended to a person following termination of service for a period of three calendar months for each full year of service, not to exceed 60 months.

SB 726 would retroactively restore the presumption of job-related injury for these infections to disability claims filed or pending after April 1, 1989. According to CEO Risk Management staff, this bill could reinstate claims that have been previously denied by the County at additional cost. Consistent with existing County policy to oppose legislation that expands existing presumptions related to illnesses that can be claimed

as job related for workers' compensation or disability retirement purposes, **our Sacramento advocates will oppose SB 726**. SB 726 was referred to the Assembly Committee on Rules for assignment on July 2, 2007.

Status of County Advocacy Bills

County-supported AB 98 (Niello), which would require the State to pay 50 percent of the wages for CalWORKs participants engaged in subsidized employment, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file on July 16, 2007.

County-opposed AB 419 (Lieber), granting certain peace officers, including reserve deputy sheriffs, the extended, tax-free safety member temporary disability benefits, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee's suspense file on Monday, July 16, 2007. The author accepted amendments deleting reserve deputies from the bill's provisions.

County-supported AB 1275 (DeSaulnier), which would authorize county boards of supervisors to increase fees annually for marriage certificates, birth certificates and death records in order to fund the oversight and coordination of domestic violence, child abuse and family violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution efforts, was held in the Senate Local Government Committee at the request of the Chair, Senator Negrete-McLeod. AB 1275 is a two-year bill with a hearing pending in this Committee during the 2008 Legislative Calendar.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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